



# World Café **TOOLKIT**

## NCAI Annual Convention

### October 20, 2015

*“A good question is never answered. It is not a bolt to be tightened into place but a seed to be planted and to bear more seed toward the hope of greening the landscape of ideas.” – John Ciardi*

The World Café model is a powerful way to have conversations about things that matter. In World Café the focus is on exploring themes rather than on problem-solving. The intention is to gather people to build community, strengthen relationships and engage everyone's unique contribution and voice using both verbal and visual methods.

In a Café conversation, there are seven guiding principles:

1. Set the context for why you are bringing people together.
2. Create a hospitable setting.
3. Explore questions that matter.
4. Encourage everyone's contribution.
5. Connect diverse perspectives.
6. Listen for patterns, and insights.
7. Share collective discoveries and themes.

**Below are links for more World Café information and resources:**

<http://www.theworldcafe.com/>

<http://www.theworldcafe.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Cafe-To-Go-Revised.pdf>

<http://www.artofhosting.org/>

<http://www.artofhosting.org/what-is-aoh/methods/>

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Here is information on the work of Dr. Vincent Felliti:

<http://www.cestudy.org/home>

<http://www.apbspeakers.com/speaker/vincent-felitti>

More about Regis Pecos:

The Role of Core Values in Cochiti Governance and Renewal -

<https://nnidatabase.org/video/regis-pecos-role-core-values-cochiti-governance-and-renewal>

More about Paulette Jordan:

Engaging the Nation's Citizens and Effecting Change: The Coeur

d'Alene Story - <https://nnidatabase.org/video/paulette-jordan-engaging-nations-citizens-and-effecting-change-coeur-dalene-story>

### Report Out Items

Here are the answers that were provided during the World Café session during the 2015 NCAI Annual Convention on What Really Matters, and how do we start change in our communities?

Report Out Question #1:

What is the one change in your community that would make the most difference?

- Cultural Integrity – knowledge and teachings to find identity
- Ancestral Lands Restored – for future generations to come
- Reconnect as People – leadership needs to be real and at home, be connected
- Love One Another – find out what that really means, be accepting and not judging
- Family Structure Within Communities and Tribes – to promote youth confidence
- Have Our Own Educational System – control a cultural curriculum
- Mobilizing Your Citizens – get citizens behind you on change
- Cultural Values Instilled in Native Youth – language, be deliberate in successorship
- Individually Accept Our Hearts and Minds – structure in our lives, mindful in our conduct
- Sobriety – understand why we aren't sober
- Take Accountability – Be Substance Free
- Better Communications and Higher Expectations – self sufficiency

### Report Out Question #2:

What can you do to lead your community to make that change?

- Share Your Story – share how you stay sober and set the example
- Civil Dialogue - open and impartial conversation, we all have solutions
- Create a Youth Council – encourage leadership in our youth

- Positive Role Models – leaders who are drug and alcohol free
- Public and Private Relationships, Internal/External – being good partners, open communication
- Be More Transparent – give access to information
- Communication With Everyone – listen and be more involved, don't judge
- Teach Self Determination – in the family, and in the community
- Meaningful Engagement of Youth – give youth opportunities to learn and network
- Engaging More in Tribal Communities – wellness nights, meet with our families

#### Wrap Up:

What to ask from the Administration to support our community change?

- Tribal Leaders tell your representatives about the items from this session
- Ask candidates and elected representatives to engage our Youth
- Support Tribal Sovereignty – especially the Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act
- Water Issues with the Environmental Protection Agency
- Keep Education moving forward
- Support ability of Alaska tribes to take lands into trust
- Overhaul hunting, fishing and public safety policy for Alaska Natives